

**ROCKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING,  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2009, 6:30 PM  
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

The School Committee met on Monday, October 26, 2009, at 6:30 PM at the High School Library. Committee members present were: Mr. Norris, Mr. Mills, Mrs. Werkheiser, and Mr. Mullen. Also present were Superintendent Retchless, Assistant Superintendent Scarpelli, Mrs. Lamb, and Student Representative Lindsey Murphy.

Mr. Norris noted that Mrs. Pezzella was unable to attend the meeting due to a work commitment.

Mr. Sangster, High School Principal; Dr. Rogers, Mrs. Shields, Mr. MacKinlay, Mrs. Flaherty, Mr. & Mrs. Kaszanek, Mr. Minahan, Mr. Materna and Dr. Levine participants in the film "Pay It Forward" and citizens broadcasting for WRPS/TV were present in the audience.

On the motion of Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous, the minutes of the School Committee meeting of October 13, 2009 were accepted.

A request from Rockland Girls Community Basketball League to distribute flyers to elementary and middle school students was approved on the recommendation of the Superintendent. Motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous.

A request from Rockland Memorial Library to distribute flyers to elementary students was approved on the recommendation of the Superintendent. Motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous.

The Superintendent updated the Committee about H1N1 flu procedures and will give them weekly reports from the head nurse and attendance reports by the Principals. He also spoke about the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and stated that babysitting would be available. The Superintendent and Mr. Scarpelli will be going to the MASS Cue technology workshop for education.

On three separate motions by Mr. Mills, seconds by Mr. Mullen, unanimous, the following September Financial Reports were accepted:

- 1) School Department
- 2) High School Student Activities
- 3) Middle School Student Activities

Mrs. Werkheiser updated everyone on the School Building Committee and showed the film "Pay It Forward" with a number of the participants in the film in the audience.

On the motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous, the 2009-2010 Superintendent's Goals & Objectives were accepted.

On the motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous, the RHS RSVP Cell Phone Pilot was accepted.

Superintendent Retchless presented the Committee with the 2009 October 1 student enrollment as well as the 2008 and 2007 student enrollments for comparison.

The Superintendent presented the FY11 School Budget timetable. In December 2009, he will submit a preliminary budget, in January, 2010 Department Heads and Principals will submit their budgets and in April, 2010 there would be a public hearing.

Personnel information for September and October was noted.

Ms. Murphy, Student Representative, reminded everyone about the community-wide book club meeting for the book "Three Cups of Tea" on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. Mrs. Werkheiser told everyone about the boys' soccer game on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM and girls' soccer at 7:00 PM at Memorial Stadium under the lights. Mr. Mullen reminded everyone to come to the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM. Mr. Mills congratulated Troop #57 on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the Boy Scouts. Mr. Norris spoke about the importance of getting out to vote whether it was for or against the building project.

On the motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Mills, Jr.  
Secretary